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NEWSLETTER – August 2006

Hello to All,

I hope everyone is enjoying this fine summer and is in good spirits. Since our last newsletter I am pleased to report that the Ottawa community is slowly prospering. We are now incorporated and are in the midst of seeking funding to help get the message out that we are real and are at the negotiating table fighting for a fair Land Claim Treaty. We have waited for over 200 years for this and I am happy to report that the battle continues and can only be won with your assistance.

I am also pleased to announce that we have reached a hunting agreement with all 10 communities. Chief and Council of Pikwaganagan have agreed to work side by side with their off reserve brothers and sisters. Could this be a sign of things to come?

Back to the important stuff ...

- Enclosed with the newsletter you will find an 'Algonquin Hunting Update for 2006/07' which includes an application form. I urge you to fill out the application and send it back to me ASAP. The deadline for receiving applications is **Friday September 1st**. You can fax mail, mail or email your application to the address below.
- A noted change this year is that all applications must include 6 names. The 6 names do not all have to be hunters - the only requirement is that they be Algonquin and be enrolled, i.e. included on the community list provided by Joan Holmes.
- The community of Ottawa has been allotted 5 moose (4 adults and 1 calf with 3 adults being WMU 65 and 1 adult and 1 calf in Algonquin Park).
- There will be a community draw for 4 moose. The 5th moose will be harvested and used for ceremonial purpose, as well as distribution to elders and to those unable to participate in the hunt.
- Should you not successful in the community draw you are still eligible for the nation draw that will be held at the Makwa center on **September 9th** starting at 12 noon. You don't necessarily have to be there. If any Ottawa member is successful, I will collect the tag and pass it on.

On another note

- On **Sunday September 17th** between 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm we will be holding a *community meeting and potluck supper at the Odawa Centre, 12 Stirling Avenue, Ottawa.*
- Community photo identification cards will be issued at a cost of \$10.00 (to cover administration costs). This card will be valid for 5 years and will be the only card used for hunting and identification of Ottawa community members.
- Ottawa Algonquin First Nation t-shirts and hats will be available for purchase (hot off the press).
- An update will be provided on the negotiation process and community activities.
- Any successful applicants for the Community and Nation Draw for moose tags will receive their tags at this time.
- Those unsuccessful in both draws will be issued calf tags as per the number allotted.
- Bring any ideas for community development.
- Please take the time to attend the meeting, meet your community, and obtain your up-to-date community identification card.
- Family members are welcome.

Important dates are highlighted above. I hope to see you at the meeting on September 17th!

Sincerely,

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